

**AA Sponsorship Conference 2019**  
***Never Alone Again: Sponsorship Past and Present***  
***Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW, DC. 20012***  
***Pre-registration fee, \$15, on-line through WAIA web site***  
**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
**Schedule**

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- 8:30-9:00 a.m.**      **Sign in... Coffee...Snacks... Mingle**
- 9:00-9:30 a.m.**      **Welcome... AA Readings... What to Expect... Ask It Basket**  
Explain the plans for the day, thank everyone for helping
- 9:45 a.m**              **Morning Panel Sessions Begin** (*Panelists switch rooms;*  
*attendees stay in the same room for both sessions*)
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.**      **Panel 1:** Characteristics & Styles of Sponsors (Conf. Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
**Panel 2:** Sponsorship: Practical Issues (Sanctuary 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 10:45 a.m.**              **Morning Break**
- 11:00-noon**              **Panel 1:** Characteristics & Styles of Sponsors (Sanctuary 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
**Panel 2:** Sponsorship: Practical Issues (Conference room 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- Noon-1:15 p.m.**      **Lunch** ( Pre-Order Subway, bring your own or visit local  
restaurants)
- 1:30 p.m.**              **Afternoon Panel Sessions Begin** (*Panelists switch rooms;*  
*attendees stay in the same room for both sessions*)
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.**      **Panel 3:** Service Sponsorship (Conference room 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
**Panel 4:** Sponsee Profiles (Sanctuary 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 2:30 p.m.**              **Afternoon Break**
- 2:45-3:45 p.m.**      **Panel 3:** Service Sponsorship (Sanctuary 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
**Panel 4:** Sponsee Profiles (Conference room 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- 3:45-4:00 p.m.**      Break-everyone moves upstairs, light treats  
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- 4:00-4:25 p.m.**      **“Ask It Basket” Q&As** - All panelists
- 4:25 p.m.**              **Closing Remarks... Serenity Prayer... I am Responsible  
Statement**  
(I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am  
responsible.)

## More About the Panels...

### Morning

#### **Panel 1: Characteristics and Styles of Sponsors**

*Host Home Group: Westside Beginners*

- Ethics and confidentiality
- Mutual honesty
- Being firm, protective or too casual
- Availability
- Attendance at meetings

#### **Panel 2: Sponsorship—Practical Issues**

*Host Home Group: Big Book Thumpers*

- Communication-text, phone, in person, at meetings
- Disagreements
- Sponsee doesn't follow through
- How to hold the sponsee accountable
- Focus on steps, not a counselor, financial advisor or social worker

### Afternoon

#### **Panel 3—Service Sponsorship**

*Host Home Group: Saturday Morning Steps*

- GSR, WAIA, DCM representatives
- Group Sponsoring
- Traditions

#### **Panel 4—Sponsee profiles**

*Host Home Group: Yacht Club-Tom*

- Newly sober
- Just out of treatment
- Relapser
- Mental Health Issues
- Special needs